

Mayor's Blog - July 2016

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The summer is moving along and I apologize for neglecting this column. Those of you with special interests in Council agendas remain faithful to accessing them through their computers and I am glad to questions and comments at any time.

Our Pool in Thamesford is open and ready for your business. They have made many changes to their timetable in hopes of being more accessible for public use. Check out this facility. We are proud of what is being offered to the public this year.

Because of the exceptionally dry weather the ban on burning remains in place. Please do not try to circumvent this ruling. I received pictures of the loss of fire equipment by a department - thankfully not Zorra's - who answered a wheat field fire. Things got out of control so quickly the fire personnel were unable to get their equipment out of the path of the rapidly moving fire.

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The rural Mayors and CAO's met to investigate areas where we might be able to share staff and services. We will not do this if we cannot maintain the level of service needed but we are certainly interested in the possibility of the cost savings that may be possible.

Our medical Centre in Thamesford has welcomed a Naturopathic Doctor to the team. Complimentary 15 minute consultations are being offered. Call for an appointment.

For this first time since I began working as a councillor I have been called this year about bee swarms. Yesterday it was my turn. This one was slightly different as they did not form a ball shaped cluster but spread out over an area of several square feet. I was rescued by a local young bee keeper who collected the bees to form a new hive. I will willingly share his name if anyone else has a problem. Please do not contact someone who will exterminate the bees. They are easily and quickly saved and I believe this is very important with the recent publicity about the loss of bee population.

The Embro Flyer has returned thanks to Doug Turvey. Contact him with you ads as he is looking for more information. This service is quite unique for the Embro community and fills a real need when trying to get information to local residents.

ERTH Corporation Board continues to meet. Jeff Petit is retiring this month and Chris White will become the new CAO.

Councillor Doug Matheson and I travelled to the Kirkton/Woodham Community Centre to join Staff and board members, past and present, in celebrating their huge "fiber" project bringing a high speed network potential to a large area which included the Uniondale area and a little beyond in to Harrington. This is a huge step forward for computer users who take advantage of this opportunity. The rest of us can only dream of having such high speed access possible.